

IN THE CLAIMS

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9. (Previously presented) A composition comprising [[a ]]sago starch having a water fluidity of from about 40 to about 80 and water.
10. (Original) The composition of claim 9 having at least about the same gel strength as a composition comprising 30% more of a comparable WF corn starch.
11. (Original) The composition of claim 9 having at least about the same gel strength as a composition comprising 50% more of a comparable WF corn starch.

12. (Original) The composition of claim 9 having at least about the same gel strength as a composition comprising 100% more of a comparable WF corn starch.
13. (Original) The composition of claim 9 having a gel strength which is about 100% greater than a composition comprising a comparable WF corn fluidity starch.
14. (Original) The composition of claim 9 having a gel strength which is about 200% greater than a composition comprising a comparable WF corn fluidity starch.
15. (Original) The composition of claim 9 having a gel strength which is about 250% greater than a composition comprising a comparable WF corn fluidity starch.
16. (Original) The composition of claim 9, wherein the composition is selected from the group consisting of food products, personal care products, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, paper products, agricultural products, paints, paper board products, gypsum board products, and textile warp sizings.
17. (Original) The composition of claim 9, wherein the composition is selected from the group consisting of confectioneries, noodles, puddings, custards, flans, fillings, imitation cheeses, cheese products, toppings, icings, imitation fish, imitation poultry, imitation meat, starch balls, yogurts, spreads, gelled desserts, jellies, and egg products.
18. (Canceled)

19. (Presently amended) A method for increasing the gel strength of a composition comprising adding sago starch having a water fluidity of from about 40 to about 80 to the composition.
20. (Presently amended) The method of claim 48 19 wherein the composition has at least about the same gel strength as a composition comprising 30% more of a comparable WF corn starch.
21. (Presently amended) The method of claim 48 19 wherein the composition has about the same gel strength as a composition comprising 50% more of a comparable WF corn starch.
22. (Presently amended) The method of claim 48 19 wherein the composition has at least about the same gel strength as a composition comprising 100% more of a comparable WF corn starch.
23. (Presently amended) The method of claim 48 19 wherein the composition has a gel strength which is about 100% greater than a composition comprising a comparable WF corn fluidity starch.
24. (Presently amended) The method of claim 48 19 wherein the composition has a gel strength which is about 200% greater than a composition comprising a comparable WF corn fluidity starch.
25. (Presently amended) The method of claim 48 19 wherein the composition has a gel strength which is about 250% greater than a composition comprising a comparable WF corn fluidity starch.

26. (Presently amended) The method of claim ~~48~~ 19 wherein the composition is selected from the group consisting of food products, personal care products, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, paper products, agricultural products, paints, paper board products, gypsum board products, and textile warp sizings.

27. (Presently amended) The method of claim ~~48~~ 19, wherein the composition is selected from the group consisting of confectioneries, noodles, puddings, custards, flans, fillings, imitation cheeses, cheese products, toppings, icings, imitation fish, imitation poultry, imitation meat, starch balls, yogurts, spreads, gelled desserts, jellies, and egg products.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 9-17 and 19-27 were pending.

Claims 9 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Eden, et al (US 4,874,628).

Claims 10-15 and 20-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eden, et al (US 4,874,628).

Claims 16, 17, 26, and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eden, et al (US 4,874,628) in view of Jeffcoat, et al. (US 6,488,980), Park (US 4,784,871), or Yuan (US 6,017,388).

Claims 19-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite.

Claims 19-27 have been amended.

Claims 9-17 and 19-27 are presented for reconsideration.